

REMARKS

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed on January 10, 2006. In that Office Action, claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-11 were rejected and claims 4, 8 and 12-19 were objected to. The Office Action stated that claims 4, 8, and 12-19 (which were objected to) would be allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim. Applicant has agreed to do so.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of objected to claim 4 and claim 3 (which was an intervening claim). Claims 3 and 4 have been cancelled. In view of this, it is requested that independent claim 1 along with its dependent claims, claims 2, 5 and 6 be allowed.

Similarly, claim 7 has been amended by including the subject matter of claim 8 which was objected to, and canceling claim 8. In view of this, it is requested that claim 7 be allowed along with its dependent claim, claim 9.

Claim 10 has been amended by including the subject matter of claim 12 which was objected to, and intervening claim 11. Claims 11 and 12 have been cancelled. In view of this, it is requested that independent claim 10 along with its dependent claims 13-19 be allowed.

New claim 20 has been added. New claim 20 is the subject matter of independent claim 10 and dependent claim 16 (which was objected to). New dependent claims 21-28 have the same subject matter (except for their dependence) as previous dependent claims according to the following table:

| <u>Previous Claim</u> | <u>New Claim</u> |
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| 11                    | 21               |
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In view of the above, it is requested that new claims 20-28 also be allowed.

In view of the above, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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